Building Activity in Richmond. Surveying Vast Water-Power

Properties.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BALTIMORE, December 7.—Judge

E. H. Gary, chairman of the United States Steel Corporation, in a note to

this week's issue of the Manufacturers'

Record, referring to the purchase of

# **BIG RICHMOND'S** FLOUR BUSINESS

Always Great, It Has Never Been So Great as at This Time.

## SOUTH AMERICA ONCE THE FIELD

Now Richmond's Export Business Is Done With Great Britain, and It Is Larger Than It Used to Be With the Republic of

The older citizens of Richmond wh remember the days when the Virginia remember the days when the Virginia wheatfields and the Richmond fouring mills supplied the Empire of Bratil, and as for that matter pretty much all of South America, with its 
lour, are in the habit of saying now 
that Richmond has lost its flour trade. 
They hase this statement upon the 
supposition that the Richmond flouring mills no longer supply South America with its breadstuffs, shipped on 
vessels that laid at the Richmond 
docks.

It is true that 'Richmond no longer supplies South America with flour and meal as in the days long ago, but the statement or the insinuation that the titchmond mills are no longer in active operation, and no longer supply a foreign trade, is a mistake. Very few Richmond people are aware of the immensity of the business which Richmond mills do with foreign lands. The simple fact is that the Richmond mills, three of which are now controlled by one firm, do a much larger business with foreign countries than all of the kilchmond mills combined did in the good old times. The difference is they now do business with Great Britain, which is a large flour consumer, instead of with South America, the smaller consumer.

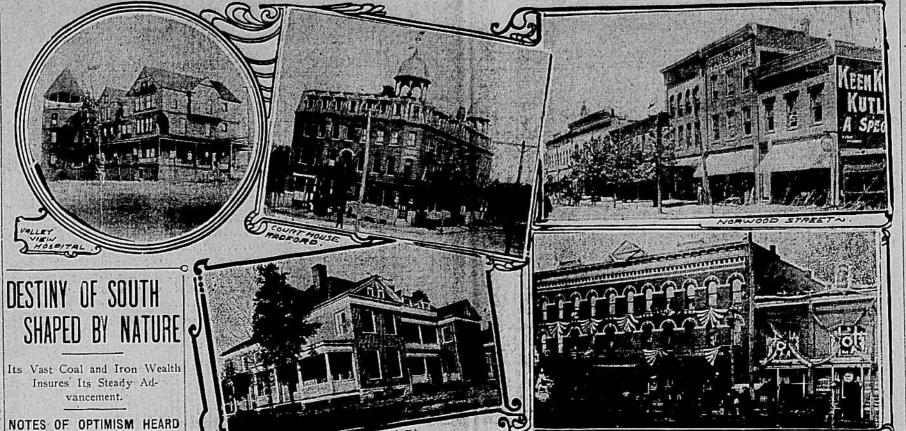
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The Early Day Mills.

Tom the earliest day of the settleto of Virginia, Richmond most natlly became a milling centre. The
er power made it pre-eminently a
town in the very earliest days.
fields for a hundred or more miles
und produced the grain that supd the primitive mills that natuy grew up around the James River
s. There were mills here of a kind
n before William Byrd selected the
en Hills for the site of a city.
esse early-day mills were, of course,
mitive, but they ground out the
in produced on the lowgrounds of
James, and supplied the people
h both meal and flour. It is true
t the flour was not strictly firstess as we look at it to-day, but it
dentiful fibere is a mill in all al that is altogether as good for hee-ce and ashcake as that which was plied by the primitive mills. Some-plied by the primitive mills. Some-ting the primitive mills. Some-d a tribute to the old-fashioned ginia corn-cake, and it is a matter regret that the latter day cooks of entirely forgotten how to make old corn-cake of William Byrd's

mill, and he improved it and enlarged set of corporation in the purchase of the purchase of the purchase of the touble with Virginia-made flow was that it would not keep in good and from lands in the South, out was that it would not keep in good condition when carried out upon the waters of the salty ocean. The largest trade for the source and the salt of the salty ocean. The largest trade for the bome millers was in the miller on the salt of the salty ocean. The largest trade for the bome millers was in the miller on shore tild not keep many days after getting to sea. Galles of the salty ocean in the miller on shore tild not keep many days after getting to sea. Galles of the salty ocean in the miller on shore tild not keep many days after getting to sea. Galles of the salty ocean in the same to the salt of the salt of the salt of the could keep at sea as well as on land his fortunate investors there. They might be supported and an order of the salt of

## SCENES IN THE BUSINESS LIFE OF RADFORD



# REAL ESTATE AND **BUI DING NEWS**

Record, referring to the hambactules of the Tennessee Co I, Iron and Railroad Conpany, says:

"We have a high opinion of the value of the properties of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company, and believe we shall be able to utilize them to great advantage to ourselves and to the community. Our examinations are not yet complete nor our plans fully developed."

Commenting upon this, the Manufacturers' Record suggests that with the same capital and the same skill at work in Birmingham as Pittsburg has heretofore had, the development of the former will be on so great a scale as to lessen comparatively the preponderating position of Pittsburg in the metallurgical world, but that there is no occasion on that account for alarm or hostile feeling in the older community, but, the rather, a reason to 'ejoice that the long latent resources of the South, so slightly developed, are now to undergo so great a development. Dealers Are in Something of a Semi-Holiday or Waiting Mood.

## BALLARD HOUSE IS FOR SALE

Contractors Who Promised Turnkey Jobs for January 1st Are Behind Time.

"It is too near to the end of the year, and too close to the holiday season you to expect anything lively in Times-Dispatch man in search of ma-terial upon which to erect a real es

## LARGE SALES OF TOBACCO AND AT VERY GOOD PRICES

## Leading Markets of Virginia and North Carolina Report Heavy Receipts, and Prices Continue Very Satisfactory.

of business done by the city waterloads are 483,420 pounds. Though this a slight decrease in weight from last week, the prices are holding just a strong, and the demand perhaps a shade greater.

From \$31 per 100 pounds for the best, down to about \$5 for the lowe grades, was the range of prices. The average holds well above \$ cents perhaps as the range of prices.

pound.

The need just now is for another good season, and it is thought that when this is forthcoming the receipts will be much heavier. The bulk of the best offerings are yet to come in, and business between now and the holiday season will be the best ever had if the necessary season arrives.

The specials that follow show the conditions in the leading markets of Virginia and North Carolina:

LYNCHBURG SALES LARGE

## BREAKS VERY LARGE

ored to sell his common tobacco first. December is expected to show a much higher average. With favorable weather, large breaks will continue until Christmas.

Million and Half Pounds Sold and Good Pricese Realized.

[Special to The Times. Dispatch.]

WINSTON.SALEM. December 7.—The to-bacco market has been very lively during the entire week, big sales being the order of the day. Thursday's sales were the linkitest since Monday, and only about 140...

1049 pounds were sold. The quality of the leaf offered this week has been somewhat tetter than for the past few weeks, and the grueral average of the week will be higher than last week.

Prominent tobacconists have been surpified at the vast amount of common leaf that has been offered, they being of the ophion that there was an extra short crop of common leaf. The common grades, however, are selling well, and one grower was heard to remark that he believed he would trise the common grades hereafter in preference to the better grades. Many promining the growers have been out the market this veek from all the adjoining counties, some centing from as far as Patrick county. Vi. Some of them were plessed with their sales, and others were displased. Common wrappere are selling lower in proportion than any other grades. This is caused by the fact that there is so much of this grade this year Bright leaf seems to be selling better than stark grades. The market sold should be sold about 1,500,000 pounds this week.

The Henderson Market.

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Double Track Being Laid, and Mileage of the System to Be Nearly Trebled.

## MAKE IMPORTANT EXTENSIONS

Cars to Run to a Number of Im portant Points Not Now Reached by Lines.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
RALEIGH, N. C., December 7.—No

RALEIGH, N. C., December 7.—Not since Raleigh's general street and sidewalk improvement nearly ten years ago has there been so much tearing up of the streets of the city as during the past month, and especially just at this time. The occasion is a general improvement and extension of the street car system, the rodeeming feature of the present conditions being the fact that the general wrecking of Raleigh's claims for Being classed among the beautiful cities of the South will uitimately bring of the South will uitimately bring of the South will uitimately bring of the Nowth Will uitimately bring of Mr. H. K. McHarg, Jr., pervision of Mr. H.

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# RADFORD, THE BUSY, HUSTLING TOWN

The Metropolis of Montgomery Growing in Business Importance.

## IRON INTERESTS ARE WONDERFUL

Blessed With Splendid Water-Power and Electricity, the Town Can Accommodate Many More Industries - A Splendid School, the Pride of People.

RADFORD, VA., December 7 .- Rad-

Patent to Virginians.

The Changed Conditions.

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